

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CARR, PINT, SHUM, NU  
SUBJECT: NO MOVEMENT ON CHARITON CASE

REFS: A) 77 MANAGUA 4678, B) MANAGUA 2086, C) MANAGUA 2052

1. DR. OSCAR SEVILLA SACASA, PRESIDENT OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA'S BANCO DE CENTROAMERICA, INFORMED AMBASSADOR MAY 12 THAT HIS BANK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE OFFER WHICH CHARITON'S U.S. ATTORNEY, SOL LEVINE, HAD MADE IN SETTLEMENT OF THE BANK'S CIVIL CLAIMS AGAINST CHARITON. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT SEVILLA KEEP LEVINE INFORMED AS TO STATUS OF BANK'S CONSIDERATION OF LATTER'S OFFER (WHICH WE BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN \$75,000, IN INSTALLMENTS). (COMMENT: AMBASSADOR GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE BANK IS PROBABLY HOLDING OUT FOR SOMETHING CLOSER TO \$250,000 INASMUCH AS SEVILLA AND PRESIDENT SOMOZA APPEAR TO BE CONVINCED THAT CHARITON AND/OR HIS FAMILY CAN AFFORD A BETTER SETTLEMENT).

2. CHARITON'S LOCAL ATTORNEY, DR. ZELAYA, CALLED EMBOFF AFTERNOON MAY 12 TO INQUIRE WHETHER EMBASSY HAD HEARD FROM THE BANK. EMBOFF TOLD HIM THAT THE BANK STILL APPEARED TO BE UNSATISFIED WITH LEVINE'S OFFER. ZELAYA RESPONDED THAT IT SEEMED THAT CHARITON HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO LAUNCH A COUNTERATTACK. HE SAID SUCH A COUNTERATTACK  
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WOULD INCLUDE A PRESS CAMPAIGN HERE AND IN THE U.S. TO PORTRAY SOMOZA'S BANK AND ITS KEY OFFICERS AS EXTORTIONISTS. ZELAYA SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THE BANK'S GENERAL MANAGER, DR. LEON DEBAYLE, A RELATIVE OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA, AS ONE WHOSE REPUTATION WOULD BE BESMIRCHED. CHARITON AND HIS FAMILY BLAME DEBAYLE FOR HAVING "ILLEGALLY" REMOVED CHARITON'S PLANE FROM THE U.S. LAST YEAR. (REF A).

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